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Subject: At only 18, I could "see" this potential M\$ problem erupting in 1987 at UIUC?

I was a freshman in business at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign in 1987 when I first "saw" the preferability of MacOS "constricted" by the high prices of the old-MacOS? At the time, every secretary at UIUC had a Macintosh on their desk, but they were unheard of anywhere else! In a Computer Science I had (C.S. 105), there was only ONE B/W Macintosh, and many Unix workstations. I remember talking with various students, C.S people and others, who were constantly disgressing about how Apple wouldn't "license" the MacOS to anybody else?

I had also just "heard" about Windoze 1.0 starting out, and I knew from the "times" that M\$ would constantly upgrade windows to make it better? Sure enough, exactly as I was forbidding, Windoze95 came out 8 years. but who could I have told (of my fears) and who would have listened to an 18 year old freshman from UIUC!

I had suffered a rather severe car accident in January 1988, so I had forgotten all about this "fear" until Win95 actually came out in August 1995! And from ALL that I had still learned in business at UIUC, I can see exactly how M\$ followed Bill Gates' C.S. "philosophy" of total domination, until he was unofficially "fired" from his CEO position! At the unofficial request of the DOJ who is evidently too "weak" to hold M\$ accountable, since this M\$ situation does so closely parallel the Sherman Antitrust "railroad bridge?"

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